



**Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project
Half Year Report
(due 31st October 2019)**

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Project title	: Ridge to reef conservation and sustainable livelihoods in Raja Ampat
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	: Indonesia
Lead organisation	: Fauna & Flora International
Partner(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Directorate General for Natural Resources and Ecosystem Conservation – KSDAE (The local office known as BBKSDA Papua Barat) 2. OroVerde 3. Yayasan Nazaret Papua
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Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)	: HYR3 (April-September 2019)
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).

Activity 1.4 Draft Regency (kabupaten) spatial plan and submit to parliament

- The local government team, and FFI, approached the provincial bodies involved and became a member of the Development Partner of West Papua Province, to contribute to provincial spatial planning.
- FFI, with the local government of Raja Ampat and BBKSDA Papua Barat, contributed by providing inputs for the management of conservation areas, customary lands, spatial planning, and ecotourism development.
- In addition to the activities above, the Raja Ampat Regency Government, with support from FFI and West Papua BBKSDA, held a Sustainable Raja Ampat Regency Development Workshop, on 4th and 5th March 2019, influencing changes in the Regency spatial planning. The recommendation was to change the status of the Nature Reserve Area into an Indigenous Community-based National Park. This proposed change of function was informally approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MOEF), through the Director General of Natural Resource and Ecosystem Conservation (KSDAE), the Director of PIKA-KSDAE, and the local government of Raja Ampat Regency.

Activity 1.6. Utilize HCV survey results to recommend alternative road alignment plans or cancellation of road sections

- The people of Sapokren Village rejected the road revitalization project from Waisai to Sapokren Village. As a follow-up, FFI had a discussion with the community and contacted Raja Ampat Spatial Planning agency (Bappeda) and the Public Works Agency (PU) to immediately cancel the road revitalization project.

- An alternative road alignment plan has been proposed to build-up the connecting roads between neighbouring villages, combined with the provision of inexpensive regular water transportation facilities, to support tourism. FFI, together with the Maya Tribal Council, submitted the proposal to the Raja Ampat Bappeda office on 4th September 2019.

Activity 2.1.6 Stakeholder consultation in Misool

The public consultation for the Management of Misool Nature Reserve was held on 23rd November 2018. The consultation was attended by 15 participants, from local government, the provincial forestry service, public works service, environmental service, and community representatives. The objective was to discuss the management of Misool, suggesting trialling an area management through zonation mapping and village regulation approach in two villages (Salafen and Aduwei) and a partnership approach in seven villages (Kapatcol, Lilinta, Biga, Magey, Gamta, Fafanlap, and Kayerepop).

Activity 2.2 Submission of draft management and zonation plans to Ministry of Forestry and Environment for approval.

The zonation map of Misool Island Nature Reserve was approved by the Directorate General of Natural Resource and Ecosystem Conservation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KSDAE-KLHK) in June 2019. The zonation is divided into: Special Block: 123,67 hectares; Protected Block: 114.631,54 hectares; Rehabilitation Block: 288,89 hectares; and Religious, Historical Culture Block: 12,54 hectares. Eight villages have been moved from the protected area to the special and rehabilitation blocks.

Activity 2.8 Establish awareness program for protecting HCV areas using a flagship conservation awareness approach (Waigeo Brush Turkey, Parrots, Birds of Paradise, Dugong and Marine Turtles)

The following awareness programs have been established:

- Conservation education in schools: Elementary School in Sapokren Village (30th April–1st May 2019), Elementary School in Wawiyai Village (9th–10th May 2019); Waisai City Elementary School 2 (July–August 2019), Salafen-Misool Village Elementary School (September 2019).
- The commemoration of National Nature Conservation Day (HKAN) on 10th August 2019, together with the Tourism Agency, Provincial MMAF BLUD, West Papua BBKSDA, and West Papua Bappenas Desk, with 110 participants from Waisai City High School 1 and UNIPA students.
- Publications in online media:
 - a. <https://www.teropongnews.com/bbksda-pb-lepas-liarkan-sepasang-mambruk-di-kth-warkesi/>
 - b. <https://www.teropongnews.com/kadinkes-raja-ampat-ikut-lepas-liarkan-penyu-bersama-bkkpn-dan-bbksda/>
 - c. <https://www.teropongnews.com/cegah-penembakan-satwa-yang-dilindungi-tim-patroli-gabungan-intensifkan-pengawasan/>
- Distributing campaign media materials in the form of books, booklets, brochures, bags, banners, clothes, and videos.

Activity 2.9 Establish village conservation agreements for HCV areas, including both important forest habitats (e.g. restricted range of Waigeo Brush Turkey) and marine habitats (Misool seagrass areas, green turtle nesting beaches in Waigeo and Misool)

- On Waigeo Island, the village regulation conservation agreement has been ratified in Go, Waifoi, Warimak, Kalitoko, Saonek (Warkesi), Kabare, Asukweri, Darumbab, Bonsayor, and Andei Villages.
- Cutting down trees – for any purpose – has been prohibited in the protected zone.
- Hunting birds - not only birds of paradise, Maleo or Cockatoos, but all species of birds that live in the protected zone – has been prohibited.
- In Asukweri Village, catching sea turtles has been prohibited and their nesting sites are protected.
- On Misool Island, the conservation agreement has been ratified in Salafen and Aduwey villages.

- The village regulation, other than prohibiting the hunting of animals in the forest, focuses on protecting sea turtle nesting grounds and dugong habitat (seagrass), and prohibits catching dugongs or turtles.

Activity 2.10 Provide training and ongoing support for ‘SMART’ collaborative patrolling and law enforcement.

Waigeo

- Training on mapping administrative, zonation boundaries, and an initial introduction to security using the SMART patrol method, was carried out in July 2019 in Kabare, Asukweri, Darumbab, and Andei villages.
- Routine patrolling, once a month, is focused on two villages, (Warkesi and Sarpokren), where the threat of poaching and illegal logging is quite high. The results were 11 animal hunters arrested and processed by military police (TNI), driving out several more hunters who were going to enter the location, and preventing several residents from cutting down trees.
- An independent patrol conducted by the Waifo Village community has succeeded in preventing residents from felling trees and clearing land by fire.
- Warimak Village patrol has succeeded in the release of birds and cuscus captured by residents.

Misool

- The SMART patrol team, assisted by the FFI partner, Nazaret Papua Foundation, continue to conduct routine patrols with communities in the northern coast of Misool, to prevent illegal fishing, and sea turtle and dugong capture.
- Based on information from the community, a patrol team working with the local police has succeeded in preventing illegal fishing by fishing boats from Sorong, on the northern coast, that use trawling equipment that can damage coral reefs and kill sea turtles and dugongs.
- The patrol team also built awareness with residents on not catching sea turtles for meat consumption.

Activity 3.2 Providing training to villagers to increase and diversify home-grown farming products and provide seeds/tools/agricultural inputs

In the third year, community empowerment focused on individuals who were interested in developing certain products, including:

- Training and assistance with grater and processing tool, and packaging of virgin coconut oil (VCO) in Kalitoko Village, involving 1 woman.
- Quality improvement and packaging of salted fish in Wawiyai village, involving the Women’s Self-Help Group (PKK), with a total of 5 women participating.
- Training and manufacturing of natural material crafts that do not damage the environment, in Kalitoko, Go, Kabilol, and Beo villages, involving 10 individuals.
- Promotion of handicraft and food products to the Raja Ampat Regency Tourism Agency, Health Agency, Cooperative Agency, and Industrial and Trade Agency.
- Training in snack production in Lopintol village, involving two PKK groups, with a total of 8 individuals. The resulting product is fish sticks.
- Training and packaging of salted fish products, handicrafts and snacks from agricultural produce according to standardized marketable standards in Waisai City, involving 7 individuals.
- Together with the MARA Foundation, and with support from the Industrial and Trade Agency, a production and marketing location for durable packaged products has been secured in Waisai City.

Activity 3.5 Provide training to local villagers to become nature/trekking guides

- There were four training sessions forgiven to local villagers, to become nature/trekking guides. The English training conducted in Waifo, Warimak, and Tiplol Mayalibit villages, with Kitong Bisa Learning Center, involved 37 participants, (18 men and 19 women). On-the-job training for trekking guides in Saporkren Village involved 3 participants. On-the-job training

for trekking guides in Kalisade Village involved 2 participants, and on-the-job training for trekking guides in Warkesi Village involved 4 participants.

Activity 3.6 Provide hospitality training to local villagers to develop homestays and provide meals to tourists

- Homestay development training was carried out in Puyau homestay in Kalisade Village, (involving 4 participants), Renos homestay in Asukweri Village, (involving 2 participants), and Saupon homestay in Warimak Village, (involving 4 participants).
- For homestays that were already operating, periodic assistance was provided to improve maintenance of cleanliness of equipment and the environment, and to develop healthier and more varied recipes using local ingredients.

Activity 3.7 Provide business development support

- FFI, with West Papua BBKSDA and the Raja Ampat Regency Tourism Agency, facilitated assistance with encouraging self-management in homestay business development, in Warimak, Waifo, Asukweri, Kalisade, and Sapokren. This included management training and facilities, including mattresses, solar cells, cleaning equipment, supplies of clean water, and squat latrine facilities.
- The planning of tourism attractions in Sapokren Village was facilitated with the local government of Raja Ampat under the ecotourism service, resulting in the establishment of the "Sapokren Forest Park: Development of Indigenous People-Based Ecotourism" program. This village was encouraged to participate in the 2019 Ministry of Tourism Indonesian Sustainable Tourism Award (ISTA), and won the Green Bronze award in the environmental preservation category on 26th September 2019, in Jakarta.

Activity 3.8 Provide start-up small grants

- Grants were given to the MARA Foundation in the form of capital to purchase goods/materials and equipment, to supplement the needs of a shop and a display for the promotion of original Raja Ampat products produced by women's groups, from various villages in Raja Ampat.
- The MARA Foundation was also trained in, and assisted with, production, promotion, and bookkeeping management.

Activity 3.9 Capacity building for local NGO

- The local NGO, Nazaret Papua Foundation, has recruited a staff member to intern, to gain knowledge in conservation campaigns, and, in the next stage, will be assigned to other areas, including at the MARA Foundation, to improve organizational management skills.

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

- Riots escalated in Papua and West Papua during the project period which related to racism issues and "Independence day" of the Papuan Rebellion. At the beginning of September, there was a warning from the Head of Coordinating Ministry to prevent any foreigner access to Papua and West Papua (<https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20190902161344-20-426864/wiranto-papua-saat-ini-tidak-dibuka-bagi-orang-asing>).
- As a result of this situation, FFI Indonesia took the decision to temporarily evacuate the team from Raja Ampat. Several field visits were rescheduled. The situation has since improved and the field team returned to Raja Ampat in mid-September. The program is once again running smoothly. This is demonstrated by the newest exhibition conducted by The Tourism Ministry (in collaboration with regency government, private sectors, NGO and FFI) from 13th to 20th of October 2019 in Waisai, Lopintol and Sorong.

2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with LTS: Yes

Formal change request submitted: No

Received confirmation of change acceptance No

3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g., more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?

Yes No Estimated underspend: £

3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully. Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project, please submit a rebudget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a rebudget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary.

4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

No

If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document. Additionally, if you were funded under R23 and asked to provide further information by your first half year report, please attach your response as a separate document.

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but should also be raised with LTS International through a Change Request.

Please send your **completed report by email** to Eilidh Young at Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk . The report should be between 2-3 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message e.g. Subject: 22-035 Darwin Half Year Report**